(d) ONGC has tin 21-8-90 paid about US $ 0. 8 million for charter hire of two S-6 IN helicopters from Canada. Most of this expenditure is in foreign j exchange.

(e) Pawan Hans Limited has leased 10 Dauphin helicopters to ONGC to partially fill the gap caused by the gro unding of Westland helicopters. Besides this, PHL has plan to re-induct West-land helicopter$_s$ in a phased manner. with ONGC. The first two helicopters are to start operations at Bombay High by the end of this month.

Objections by Assam Government~~(gutside)~~on Sending crude oil for Refining outsidethe State

2110. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Assam Chief Minister has objected to the transportation of crude oil from the oilfields to refineries outside the State; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Go-vernment on his objection?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The Chief Minister of Assam has requested that no additional crude oil from the oil fields in Assam should be taken out of the State.

(b) It has been clarified to the Government of Assam that the proposed looping of the pipeline of OIL is meant to augment pipeline capacity for regular supply of crude oil to the refineries, and no additional crude oil is proposed to be transported through this pipeline to refineries outside the State..

Acquisition of L&T shares by Reliance Industries

2111. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI;

SHRIVISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reliance Industries had applied for acquisition of L&T shares and if so, when and under what provisions of the MRTP Act;

(b) whether he is aware that permission has been granted for floating debentures and allotment of 2j3rd of the Mega Issue shares to the Reliance group shareholders only; and

(c) whether the source of funds to acquire such large holding in L&T by Reliance Industries has been gone into by the Board?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AIIT SINGH): (a) to (c) The Department of Company Affairs have not received any application from Mjs Reliance Industries Ltd. for acquisition of shares of M|s Larsen & Toubro' Ltd. under the provisions of the M. R. T. P. Act. As such, the source of the funds for acquisition of the shares was not gone into.

M's Larsen & Toubro Ltd. was granted consent on 29-8-89 by the Controller of